



# THE WILDFIRE RECOVERY ACT

*Introduced by Congressman Joe Neguse  
& Co-sponsored by Congressman John Curtis*

The bipartisan **Wildfire Recovery Act** would increase flexibility in the federal cost share for Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG) to bring in additional resources for communities as they rebuild from wildfire damage.

**Additional cosponsors include;** Representatives Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ), Chris Steward (R-UT), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), Michael San Nicholas (D-GU), Jared Huffman (D-CA), Greg Stanton (D-AZ), Michael Simpson (R-ID), John Garamendi (D-CA), Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Doug LaMalfa (R-CA), Diana DeGette (D-CO), Steven Horsford (D-NV), Kim Schrier (D-WA), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), Juan Vargas (D-CA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Salud Carbajal (D-CA), Matt Cartwright (D-PA), Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Karen Bass (D-CA), Judy Chu (D-CA), Jerry McNerney (D-CA), Mariyln Strickland (D-WA), Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Pete Aguilar (D-CA), Kaiali'i Kahele (D-HI), and Melanie Stansbury (D-NM).

## **PRAISE FOR THE WILDFIRE RECOVERY ACT**

**Governor Jared Polis:** "I've seen firsthand how devastating wildfires can be to communities, businesses, and families. Rep. Neguse continues to fight for Colorado and I was proud he joined me when we met with victims and families devastated by Colorado's climate and drought-induced wildfires. This legislation would drastically improve the ability of state and local governments to respond to these disasters and speed up the recovery process."

**Deb Gardner, Chair of the Boulder County Board of County Commissioners:** "Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of extreme wildfires in our community and countless others. Recovering from these events is costly, and the federal government is an essential partner in that process. This legislation will give FEMA the flexibility to provide communities that have been especially hard-hit with the resources they need to fully recover."

**Lori Hodges, Director of the Office of Emergency Management for Larimer County:** "This bill would greatly assist local governments that experience catastrophic wildfires by better aligning the FMAG program with other FEMA assistance programs, and by supporting small communities with limited resources."

**Richard Cimino, Grand County Commissioner:** "This bill is exactly what Grand County needs. Rural Colorado Counties with relatively large-scale disasters cannot afford the old 25% cost share. Grand County lost over 500 structures. Debris removal alone may cost over \$20 Million. 25% of \$20 million is \$5 million. Grand County's total annual budget is less than \$50 Million, and our budget is tight. Joe Neguse's bill will make it possible for rural Colorado Counties to help their citizens recover from natural disasters."